

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In Re:

The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y.,

Debtor.

Case No.: 20-10322-CLB
Chapter: 11

NOTICE OF FILING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with the Order entered July 9, 2020 [Docket No. 442] *Nunc Pro Tunc* to February 28, 2020, Connors LLP has filed the Monthly Fee Statement of Connors LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses as Special Counsel to The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., for the Period October 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto and hereby served upon you.

DATED: Buffalo, New York
November 20, 2023

s/ Randall D. White
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MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF CONNORS LLP
FOR COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO
THE DIOCESE OF BUFFALO, N.Y.
FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2023 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2023

Name of Applicant:	Connors LLP
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Debtor-in-Possession
Date of Retention:	Order entered July 9, 2020 [Docket No. 442] <i>Nunc Pro Tunc</i> to February 28, 2020
Period for which compensation and reimbursement is sought:	October 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023
Amount of compensation sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	80% of \$9,430.00 (\$7,544.00)
Amount of expense reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	\$683.58

This is a: X monthly ___ quarterly ___ final application.

This is the _____ monthly fee statement of Connors LLP in this case.

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November 16, 2023

DIOCESE OF BUFFALO
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Invoice#	40087	RDW
Our file#	002700	00006
Billing through		10/31/2023

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

10/03/2023	RDW	(Misc) Preparation of seventh interim fee application.	0.50 hrs.	250 /hr	125.00
10/10/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Communication with Independent Review Board Chair regarding various issues.	0.50 hrs.	250 /hr	125.00
10/11/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Review inquiry from investigator (.3); prepare response to him and Independent Review Board Chair (.5).	0.80 hrs.	250 /hr	200.00
10/12/2023	LFQ	(Misc) Work on answering questions from auditor.	1.30 hrs.	250 /hr	325.00
10/14/2023	RDW	(Misc) Preparation of interim fee application.	0.80 hrs.	250 /hr	200.00
10/16/2023	LFQ	(Misc) Communication with District Attorney regarding reported abuse; communication with Chancery representative regarding recent report and compliance.	0.30 hrs.	250 /hr	75.00
10/16/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Work on document regarding last Independent Review Board meeting.	0.40 hrs.	250 /hr	100.00
10/17/2023	LFQ	(Misc) Communications with investigator regarding issues that need to be addressed in pending investigation (.3); communication with Chancery representative to obtain answers to investigator's questions (.2);	0.70 hrs.	250 /hr	175.00

		communications with attorney for priest regarding investigation (.2).			
10/17/2023	RDW	(Misc.) Preparation of interim fee application.	0.40 hrs.	250 /hr	100.00
10/20/2023	LFQ	(Misc) Respond to questions pertaining to audit by obtaining and providing relevant documents (.8); communication with Safe Environment Director regarding same (.3).	1.10 hrs.	250 /hr	275.00
10/23/2023	RMV	(Misc) Work on 2023 CARA Survey.	0.50 hrs.	100 /hr	50.00
10/24/2023	LFQ	(Misc) Provide documents to Safe Environment Director regarding audit (.2); communications regarding participation and visit of auditors (.3); communications with Independent Review Board Chair regarding audit (.3).	0.80 hrs.	250 /hr	200.00
10/24/2023	RMV	(Misc) Work on completing the 2023 CARA Survey regarding sex abuse accusations that were reported within this year and last year.	2.00 hrs.	100 /hr	200.00
10/25/2023	LFQ	(Misc) Several communications with Independent Review Board Chair regarding questions issues pertaining to audit (.6); prepare document in response to same (3.5); communications with Chancery representatives regarding audit (.5).	4.60 hrs.	250 /hr	1,150.00
10/25/2023	RMV	(Misc) Work on completing the 2023 CARA Survey regarding sex abuse accusations reported within this year and last year.	1.50 hrs.	100 /hr	150.00
10/26/2023	LFQ	(Misc) Work on materials for audit and CARA Survey (3.5); assist with anticipated media inquiry regarding legal issues (.8).	4.30 hrs.	250 /hr	1,075.00
10/26/2023	RMV	(Misc) Meeting with Lawlor F. Quinlan III to review and discuss	3.50 hrs.	100 /hr	350.00

the 2023 CARA Survey (2.5);
complete final edits to CARA
Survey and complete survey
form (1.0).

10/27/2023	LFQ	(Misc) Communication with Diocesan representatives regarding memorandum to be shared with parishes about anticipated media coverage.	0.90 hrs.	250 /hr	225.00
10/30/2023	LFQ	(Misc) Prepare for meeting with auditors (.8); participate in meeting with auditors (1.2); communication with Independent Review Board members regarding audit (.6).	2.60 hrs.	250 /hr	650.00
10/31/2023	LFQ	(Misc) Communications with Independent Review Board Chair regarding audit (.2); finalize CARA Survey responses (.7).	0.90 hrs.	250 /hr	225.00
10/31/2023	RMV	(Misc) Prepare memo describing details of 2023 CARA Survey for future reference.	0.80 hrs.	100 /hr	80.00

Total fees for this matter

\$6,055.00

BILLING SUMMARY

White, Randall D.	Partner	1.70 hrs	250 /hr	425.00
Quinlan, Lawlor F. III	Partner	19.20 hrs	250 /hr	4,800.00
Valkwitch, Rachel M.	Legal	8.30 hrs	100 /hr	830.00
	Assistant			
TOTAL FEES		<u>29.20 hrs</u>		<u>\$6,055.00</u>
TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL				\$6,055.00

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NYSAG SUBPOENA

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

10/12/2023	LFQ	Review decision on appeal (.2); communication with team members regarding next steps (.7).	0.90 hrs.	250 /hr	225.00
10/12/2023	TMC	Review of letter from the Solicitor General regarding statutory exemption from FOIL request (.4); confer with our team regarding above and possible Article 78 proceeding (.7); prepare memo (.2).	1.30 hrs.	250 /hr	325.00
10/17/2023	LFQ	Conference call with team regarding response to Office of Attorney General decisions.	0.50 hrs.	250 /hr	125.00
10/25/2023	LFQ	Review brief and provide proposed changes to Jones Day attorneys.	0.90 hrs.	250 /hr	225.00
10/26/2023	LFQ	Assist team with proposed documents in support of Article 78 Proceeding (1.5); communications with team (1.1).	2.60 hrs.	250 /hr	650.00
10/28/2023	TMC	Confer with representatives of the New York State Catholic Conference regarding the Article 78 proceeding.	0.30 hrs.	250 /hr	75.00

Total fees for this matter	<u>\$1,625.00</u>
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BILLING SUMMARY

Connors, Terrence M.	Partner	1.60 hrs	250 /hr	400.00
Quinlan, Lawlor F. III	Partner	4.90 hrs	250 /hr	1,225.00
TOTAL FEES		<u>6.50 hrs</u>		<u>\$1,625.00</u>

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TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL

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CHILD VICTIMS ACT

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

10/13/2023	RDW	Review of insurers' objections to Committee's motion for non-party discovery regarding Diocesan insurance.	0.30 hrs.	250 /hr	75.00
10/18/2023	RDW	Research for response to Blank Rome (.8); respond to Blank Rome inquiry regarding parishes and other entities (.2).	1.00 hrs.	250 /hr	250.00
10/23/2023	TMC	Confer with Randall D. White regarding certain requests from Diocese for background information for motion.	0.30 hrs.	250 /hr	75.00
10/23/2023	RDW	Review of file for information requested by Diocese (1.7); emails with Mr. Scholl of Diocese regarding above (.3).	2.00 hrs.	250 /hr	500.00
10/24/2023	RDW	Initial review of motion to extend stay/preliminary injunction regarding state court CVA actions against parishes.	1.00 hrs.	250 /hr	250.00
10/25/2023	TMC	Review motion to continue the stay/injunction against the State Court actions against the parishes (.5); confer with Randall D. White regarding above and impact on pre-petition cases (.2).	0.70 hrs.	250 /hr	175.00
10/25/2023	RDW	Continue review of motion to extend stay/preliminary injunction regarding state court CVA actions against parishes (.7); review of cited caselaw (.4); emails with CVA co-defense	1.50 hrs.	250 /hr	375.00

counsel regarding motion and
possible impact (.4).

10/30/2023	RDW	Review of Committee's motion to employ special insurance counsel.	0.20 hrs.	250 /hr	50.00
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Total fees for this matter

\$1,750.00

DISBURSEMENTS

10/31/2023	COMPUTER RESEARCH - WESTLAW	141.68
10/31/2023	SEPT MONTHLY HOSTING/DATA STORAGE	<u>541.90</u>
Total disbursements for this matter		\$683.58

BILLING SUMMARY

Connors, Terrence M.	Partner	1.00 hrs	250 /hr	250.00
White, Randall D.	Partner	6.00 hrs	250 /hr	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL FEES		7.00 hrs		\$1,750.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$683.58

TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL \$2,433.58